

BATMAN. THE DARK KNIGHT. FALLS



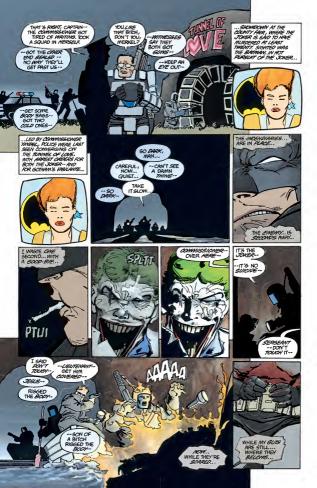








THE DARK KNIGHT FALLS















CLOSER - MOVE IN CLOSER --LOLA -- CAN YOU SEE IT? -- LIVE FROM THE NEWS TWO CAPTER --IT'S ROW CAPTER --BOY WONDER! HE'S YOUNG -- CAN'T BE OLDER THAN THIRTEEN -- HE'S RIDING THE BOLLER COASTER -- HE'S WAIT -- HE'S --





















































GOTHAM OTTY WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE THIS PLASMY THOLATION OF THE LAW-THIS WOLENT ASSAULT ON THE VERY UNBRIGHNINGS OF OUR SOCIETY...



BY ATTACKING GOTHAM'S PALICE, BATTHAN HAS REVEALED HIMSELF AS AN UNQUALIFIED MEMBLE. I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PLACE THE STATE POLICE AT GOTHAM'S DISPOSAL.



...THE JOKER'S BODY FOUND MUTILATED AND BUKNED... MURDER IS ADDED TO THE CHARGES AGAINST THE BATMAN...









YOU CAN SAY WHAT YOU WANT. YOU CAN CALL HIM WHAT YOU WANT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK DOWN AVENUE D AT WISHT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HEAR THE SUCKING SOUNDS THEY MAKE EVERY TIME YOU WALK BY, THIS ONE, HE'D BEEN WORKING THE NERVE UP FOR WEEKS BEFORE HE WAS HORRYY BOOLGH.





...NO, HORRYY HE WARSH'T. HE WAS JUST LOCKING TO HURT SOMEBODY AND HE'S THE KIND WHO HURTS WAMEN, I WISH THEY WERE PARE: HE GAVE HIMSELF AN EXCUSE...























STILL IN THE HOSPITAL.











DO NOT EXPECT ANY FURTHER STATEMENTS, THE SONS OF THE BATMAN DO NOT TALK, WE ACT. LET GOTHAM'S CRIMWALS BEWARE, THEY ARE ABOUT TO ENTER HELL



... THE SONS OF THE BATTMAN HAVE STRUCK AGAIN . JEFF STRUCKEN W CLOSING UP THE SOUTH STREET 7-11 WHEN HE BECAME BOTH WITNESS

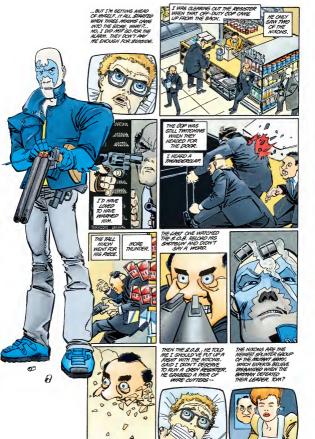
THEY'RE YOUNGER THAN YOU'D THINK--THIS ONE WAS, ANYWAY, COULDN'T HAVE BEEN OLDER THAN SIXTEEN... THAT'S RIGHT, THERE WAS JUST ONE





















WELL, FOLKS, I'VE GOT SOME GOOD NEWS --AND SOME BAD NEWS --HEH... THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE SOMES HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR FORCES FROM THE ISLAND OF CONTO MALTESE...

















TWENTY MILLON DIE BY FIRE... AM WEAK...

This time it's deads.

This time it's deads.

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CAREFUL-BE CAREFUL HOW YOU PUT THINGS, LOLA. THIS IS ONE MISSILE ... THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT THIS IS PART OF A FULL-SCALE ATTACK ...







HOLD IT... WE'VE JUST GOTTEN WORD THAT IT'S NOT A CONVENTIONAL NUCLEAR WARHEAD -- WE NUCLEAR WARHEAD - WE SWISK , ABOARD THE NEWS TWO SHUTTLE , WHAT'S THE WORD , DAN ? STILL COLLATING, LOLA --BUT IT'S A BIG ONE --HEAVY MEGATOWNAGE --WITH UNUSUAL COMPUTER ACTIVITY -- WE CAN'T BE CERTAIN OF ITS CAPABIL-ITIES ...

AT THE VERY LEAST, CORTO WILL BE LEVELED --THE FIRES MIGHT SPREAD TO MAINLAND SOUTH AMERICA --SHOULD IT GENERATE A SUFFICIENT MASNETIC PULSE, THERE MIGHT--

THANKS FOR THE DATA, DAN, BUT WE'LL ALL KNOW SOON ENEVESH WHAT IT CAN DO. RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT AUTHOR MARKAN ELLISON IN THE STUDIO ...











ON WORD .. LUCIUS



CAN DO.







LOLA-IF IT GENERATES A PULSE OF SUFFICIENT INTENSITY, IT COULD--

DAN --WE'VE WE'VE FINISHED OUR TECHNICAL SEBMENT... --IT COULD DISRUPT THE MASNETIC FIELD CAUSING--

COMING UP--VIEWER **CONVIONS** ...

LOLA -- THIS IS INCREDIBLE -- TRAJECTORY IMCHANGE - THENTSELM
CHANGE - TWENTY
DEGREES DUE
EAST-THE WARHEAD
HAS CHANGED
COURSE --













IT MIGHT NOT BE
MARMLESS, LOLA--IF
THAT PULSE IS
STROWS ENOUGH, IT
COULD DERRUPT ALL
ELECTRICAL AND LOUIL















MAYBE DURING A BAEAR BETWEEN POLICE ACTIONS, ONE OF YOUR MILITARY FRIENDS TOLD YOU WHAT AN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE IS, AND MAYBE YOU LISTENED, CLARK

ALL YOU NEED TO GENERATE THE PULSE IS THE ORGANIZED DETONATION OF A FEW DOZEN NUCLEAR WARHEADS

THAT, OR A SPECIAL KIND OF NUKE THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DEVELOP.

Sweetheart, The last of the readings gave a hint of what would happen.



Polled, I knew for sure. There's no point in explaining it to the crew. We're all dead anyway — as dead as this shuttle. you'll never get to read the

You'll never aet to read this letter. It'll burn up with me when our orbit deteriorates. Still, my last thoughts will be a prayer for you, for humanity...



Nothing could stop the Russians from emptying their silos at us now. We'd have no defense, no way to retaliate.



The one hope we have is that the decision to murder billions has to be made by a human beina.

... YES, CLARK. BOTH SIDES.

THE AMERICAN NAME FOR IT IS COLDENNESS.
IT'S DESIGNED TO CRUSE MAXIMUM DAMASE
TO THE ENVIRONMENT-ALL THE WHILE SANOWS THE INDUSTRIAL SITES YOUR FRIENDS REGARD SO HIGHLY.

> SINCE MY OWN ATOMS AREN'T BOUNCING AROUND THE STRATOSPHERE



--SINCE GOTHAM CITY SQUATS LIKE A GREAT BLACK GRAVEYARD--



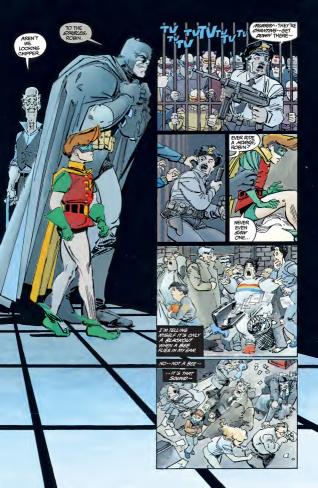
-- SINCE WAYNE MANOR'S EMERGENCY GENERATIOR HASN'T KICKED INV- AND ROBIN'S WATCH HAS STOPPED





-I'LL ASSUM RUSSIA HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE ARMS









































THE WOMAN... ON TELEVISION... SHE SAID THE BOMB WOULD HARMLESSLY ...



EVEN HER DESERTS ARE ABUNDANT.



THERE WERE
BIRZS, HERE,
WHO SHE
BLESSED WITH
CHEST
FEATHERS
ABSORBENT
ENCUGH TO
CARRY WATER
FOR MUES
TO THEIR
THE DOOR CHILDREN ...











THEY CAN SPLIT
THE VERY FABRIC
OF REALITY...
BLAST A HUNDRED
THOUSAND INTO
THE SKY...

... BLOTTING OUT THE SOURCE OF ALL MY POWER... THE HOPE FOR SCREAMING MILLIONS...

MAGNETIC STORM
... YOU HAVE
EVERY REASON
TO BE CUTRAGED,
MOTHER EARTH...
YOU HAVE GIVEN
THEM...
EVERYTHIMS...

THEY ARE TIMY AND STUMD AND VICTOUS ... BUT PLEASE... LISTEN TO THEM...

> PLEASE... I AM SLOW AND DYING...





















... AND THAT
BOY- HE SEEMED
TO KEEP PACE
WITH ME
BELIBERTELY,
TAKING THE JOY
FROM MY
EVENING WALK...

... WITH HIS HORRIBLY LOUP RADIO...

WHEN IT SHRIEKED, I BLAMED THE BOY. TRUTH TO TELL, I TURNED TO CONGROWT HIM...



THEN I NOTICED HIS

CHIN CONFUSION -- AND
THE DARKNESS THAT
SEEMED TO FALL ACROSS
THE ENTIRE CITY.

I HEADD

Seewing to fill, across the family across the fa

XES, I WAS SHOUTIMES.
WHAT TO YOU EXPECT?
I HAPPENED TO BE UP
AGAINST A BITCH OF
A DEADLIME. WHAT?.
...YES, OF COURSE
I'D HEARD ABOUT
THE BAINS. BUT I'VE
GOT PROBLEMS OF





PEUT I KNOW II BETTER CALL THE BESCHOWN AND AND SURE OF AND AND SURE OVERED COVERED



SO I'M BARELY STANDING UP WHEN THERE'S THIS EXPLOSION KNOCKS ME FLAT--

MY ANKLE FEELS LIKE ITS BROKEN --SOMEBODY IS SOING TO GET SUED --



I DON'T LIKE REING TOUCHE --AND LIKE I SAID, I'VE GOT



I GUESS WE WERE CUCKY IT WAS THE ONLY PLANE TO FALL



NOBODY TOLD ME ABOUT ANY AIRPLANE, THE CARS WERE POPPING OFF LIKE FIRECRACKERS -EVERYBODY SCREAMI
--- IT WAS EVERY

MAN FOR HIMSELF.











... AND WHEN THE



... WELL . I KNEW IT HAD TO BE THE ELECTROMAGNETIC BE THE EXECUTATION OF THE PULSE... AND ALL THE BOOKS SAY THAT'D ONLY HAPPEN DURING A FULL-SCALE EXCHANGE...





THOUGHTAND WHEN THE CARS STARTED GOING UP...



OH, RIGHT. THE *COP*: LISTEN , I'VE *NEVER* BROKEN THE LAW -- NOT

IN ANY WAY THAT COUNTS AND IT WASN'T ME WHO TOLD HIM TO TRY TO HELP THAT JAP BITCH OUT OF HER VOLKSWAGEN













HEY--YOU WEREN'T THERE. COULD BARELY SEE THROUGH ALL THE SMAKE --WAS SURE I HEARD

SHELLING.

IT WAS THE END OF
THE WORLD-- AND
I HAD A SUW--



THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR WHAT WE DID. WE WEREN'T CRAZY. WE WERE JUST AN UGLY BUNCH OF STUPID,

SELFISH BASTARDS.
THERE WAS THE PRIEST, A BLOODY MESS. I DIDN'T CARE...



WOULDN'T TAKE A

WOOLDN'T HARE A SEMUS TO REALIZE THAT THE ONLY OTHER THING WORTH A DAMY WAS FOOD

I WASN'T

... NO EXCUSE... I WAS IN WITH THE ARST OF THEM, SHOVING, YELLING ABOUT ADD AND GUNS... THERE WAS NO ALAN, NOBODY FIGHTING THE FARE...



FIRES ARE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THAT'S WHY I PAY MY TAXES, WE HAD OURSELVES TO LOOK AFTER.

WE WERE HEADING EAST ON CHELSEA HIT THE GRAND UNION PARKING





... WHEN WE RAN INTO ANOTHER CROWD THAT'D GOTTEN THE SAME 1054. LOOKED LIKE THEY CLEANED THE WHOLE STORE OUT--

-AND WANTED IT ALL FOR THEMSELVES

ONE OF THEM MADE A MOVE FOR THE GOV. HE WAS BLACK -- I'M NO RACKST, BUT I THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE A KWIFE.







I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT GOT AS BAD AS IT DID. YOU'D NEVER HAVE YOU'D NEVER HAVE MINUTES EARLISE WE'D BEEN ...

...I WAS STRANGLING SOMEBODY WHEN I HEARD THE HORSES...



















THAT'S RIGHT. THE BOY WITH THE ADDIO. HE PULLED ME CLEAR. SAVED MY LAS. WHEN BARMAN DROPPED OFF THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES, THE BOY PASSED THEM AROUND...





...ONE WEEK LATER, IT'S STILL DARK AT HIGH NOON IN GOTHAM CITY. IT'S STILL WINTER IN AUGUST, HERE'S CARLA SHRIEK TO EXPLAIN...



LOLA, THE SOVIET COLDBRINGER WAS COLDBRIMGER WAS
DESIGNED TO INDUCE
THE ENVIRONMENTAL
EFFECTS OF FULL-SCALE
NUCLEAR WAR. FIRST
IT GENERATED THE FULSE
THAT BLACKED OUT-- ON THAT PULSE -- DON'T MISS OUR SPECIAL TONIGHT -- YOUR FAVORITE STARS ARE ASKED "WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT?" CARLA?

LOLA, THE PULSE WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING. WEATHER PATTERNS ACROSS THE HEMISPHER HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY DISRUPTED *-

THEY SURE HAVE, THEY SURE HAVE, CRALA, AND SO HAS MY WARDROBE. THIS IS THE COLDEST DAY OF THE YEAR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO WEAR THESE DAYS...









STARVING RIDTS CUBANS CIVIL WAR IN THE MID WEST WON'T BUDGE CREDIB DISASTER

NO, MR PRESIDENT. I'M AFRAID HE'LL NEVER LET ME BRING HIM IN ALIVE.

THE COLDEST, LOLA -UNTIL TOMORROW. THE
BOMB'S BLAST THRUST
HUWUREUS OF MILLION
OF TOMS OF SOOT INTO
THE STRATOSPHERE --

- CREATING A BLACK CLOUP THAT COVERS THE AMERICAS BLOTTING OUT THE SUN--DEPRIVING US OF LIGHT AND HEAT ...







PEOPLE ARE FREEZING TO DEATH BY THE THOUSANDS...THE DAMAGE TO CROPS COULD WELL BRING ON A FAMINE...





I'M SURPRISED HE

TOOK THE CHANCE













-- AND THEY'VE BEEN COVERING FOR ME, JUST LIKE THEY COVERED UP MY ESCAPE. SURE, THEY'D LOVE TO FROST ME...



I WANT A PIECE OF HIM. A SMALL PIECE WILL DO, FOR OLD TIMES SAKE, YOU KNOW...

-17 STILL HURTS WHEN IT'S coco.



CAN'T HANDLE! FOLKS, FOLKS, WE'RE STILL AMERICA--AND I'M STILL



WANT?

I ALWAYS KNEW IT'D GET DOWN TO YOU AND THE BIG BLUE SCHOOLBOY, PLANET'S TOO BIG FOR THE THE OF YOU.

THE PRESIDENT HAS IMPOSED LIMITED MARTIAL LAW, THERESY DEPLOYING MILITARY AID TO LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AGAINST OUTBREAKS OF

WHEN IT ALL





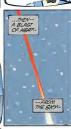






... NEW YORK, CHICASO, METROPOLIS -- EVERY CITY IN AMERICA IS CAUGHT IN THE GRIP OF A NATIONAL PAMIC -- WITH OWE EXCEPTION. RIGHT, TOM ?...









...THAY'S RIGHT, LOLA.
THANKS TO THE BATMAN
AND HIS VIGILINTE
GAME, GOTHAM'S STREETS
ARE SAFE -- UNLESS YOU
TRY TO COMMIT A
CRIME...















SHOVED HIS PISTOL TO HER JAW AND PULLED THE TRISGER... ... AND EVERYTHING MY MOTHER WAS STRUCK THE PAVEMENT

HAT WISHT... BEGAN WIRTY YEARS OF HUNTING WEVES AND MURDERERS...





ARMY TROOPS HAVE EVACUATED THE SLUM KNOWN AS CRIME ALLEY--NO EXPLANATION IS GIVEN--NEWS COVERAGE HAS BEEN FLATLY DENIED --

AS A BLOODY WAD ...









IN ONE MOUR .. AT

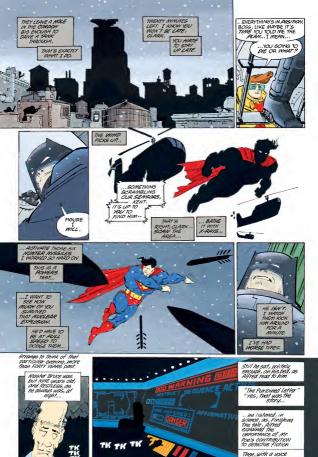












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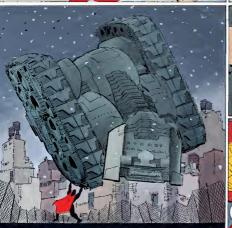








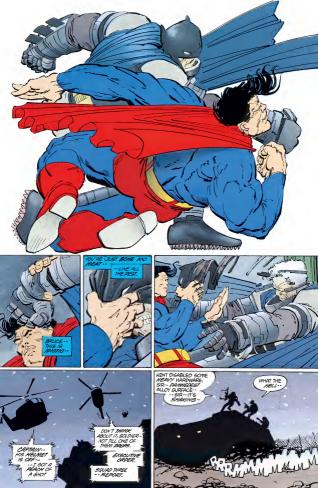


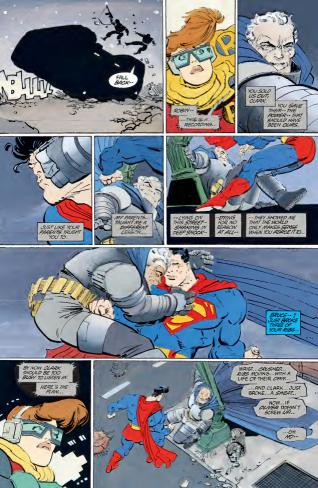


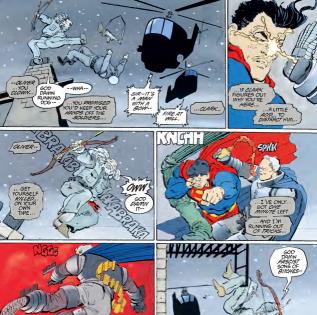






























































...CLOUD HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY CLEARED IN THE PAST SELENTY-THO HOURS, THE PRESIDENT HAS DECLARED A STATE OF STABLUZE OF STABLUZE... REPEATING THE WEEK'S TOP STORIES -- THE SPECTACULAR CAREER OF THE BATTHAN CAME TO A TRASIC CONCLUSION...

... AS THE CRIMEFIGHTER SUFFERED A MEART ATTACK WHILE BATTLING GOVERNMENT TROOPS. HE HAS BEEN
IDENTIFIED AS
FIFTY - FIVE YEAR OLD
BILLIONAIRE BACKE
WAYNE - AND HIS
DEATH HAS PROVEN
AS MYSTERIOUS AS
HIS CIFE...











WANNE MANDR WAS LEVELLED BY A SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS, SET APPARENTY, BY WANNES BUTLER, FOUND DEAD FROM A STRIKE AT THE SCENE...

...FLAMES DESTROYED
WHATEVER EVIDENCE
MAY HAVE EXISTED AS
TO BATHAN'S METHODS.
ALSO MISSING, IT
SEEMS, IS THE WAYNE
FORTUNE...







INTERNAL REVENUE
AGENTS INVESTIGATED
WAYNE'S RECORDS,
FINDING HIS EVERY
BANK ACCOUNT
EMPTY, EVERY STOCK
\$000.



... WHERE THE MONEY WENT IS ONE MORE SECRET WANTE HAS TAKEN TO HIS GRAVE... HIS BODY WAS CLAMED BY HIS ONLY LAMED RELATIVE, A DISTANT COUSTN...





























-- CLARK PROVED OLIVER RIGHT.



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